

## JOHNSON CLAIMS TITLE BY DEFAULT

By Richard Dahlgren.

LONDON, June 6.—The choice of a fight in England between Tommy Burns and the big negro fighter, Jack Johnson, is so remote as to be practically negligible.

Burns announces that he will go to Amsterdam before fighting Johnson, unless his terms of \$25,000, with Jones as draw, are accepted, and there is no chance of that.

Johnson has claimed the title by default, claiming that Burns' refusal to fight him forfeits the title. While this claim is not taken seriously, it is not to be gainsaid that sympathy is largely with Johnson.

The "Pink Un" in a recent issue, says: "John's modest, unassuming manner, no less than his demonstrations of his art, have already made him a tremendous favorite with the members of the N. S. C. and Charles Blacklock has stated decidedly that the club will refuse to recognize the title of champion for any boxer who draws the color line." Burns' latest stipulation is also utterly absurd and contrary to the instances of boxing, and the fact of his adhering to these sums shows he is frightened to meet Johnson.

The "Sportsman" prints a letter from Lord Londsdale to the man who tried to match Burns and Johnson to fight in the Chelsea football grounds. His lordship is quoted as saying: "Do not at all approve of any arrangement being made giving Burns \$50,000. It is utterly absurd and contrary to the instances of boxing, and the fact of his adhering to these sums shows he is frightened to meet Johnson."

If you give Burns percentage of gate money, you must give Johnson also percentage of gate money. If Burns has any confidence in his skill he would be quite ready to fight Johnson on similar terms to best pugilists that have ever lived.

General expression of opinion at Newmarket was to the effect that he was hiding the fear of Johnson under a cloak of gold. Don't believe you would get the enormous crowd you imagine it, but known he was going to get this sum."

Burns, when asked to say something in reply to the criticism of his conduct, smiled as he said: "What more can I say than I have said? I am not in this game for fun. There is no more reason why I should prefer Johnson to make terms for a fight than there is for half a dozen other men—not as much, in fact, as in the case of the instances. I am going to Australia soon to fight Lang. If Johnson is so anxious for a fight he can get one before one of the coast clubs when I return from Australia."

I understand Burns has cleared something like \$15,000 since he came to England, and it is not unlikely he will run it up to \$20,000 before he gets away.

The usual great crowd went to Epsom to see the Derby run, and it may be said it was a splendidly run race. An unusual number of Americans were present.

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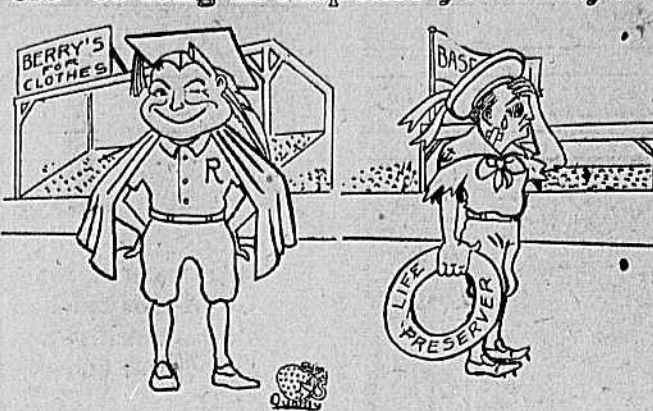
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## The "Lawmakers" are foxey anyway---why did they keep the "Sailors" so long in suspense yesterday?



'Twas easy to glance over the great crowd of men present and tell who had the Berry label under their collar.

Berry clothes are distinguishing.

## IRISH LADS WINNING BY THE SCORE OF 12 TO 11

Cox started in to pitch for the Lads, and the Athletics hammered him for seven hits and a total of eight runs in the first inning. He was replaced by Hogan, who had his opponents at his mercy for the rest of the game, being most effective with men on bases.

Features of the game were the pitching of Hogan and fielding of Schaefer for the Lads, and the hitting of Strout and superior base balls by the Athletics, who accepted six chances without an error.

The Irish Lads and Fulton Hustlers will cross bats on Orleans Street diamond on next Saturday, June 13th, and a close game is expected. The lineup follows:

Irish Lads—Neagle, cf.; Jones, rf. and ss.; A. Carado, 2b.; Hogan, ss. and p.; Schaefer, cf.; C. Carado, 2b.; Johnson, 1b. and rf.; Foster, cf.; Cox, p.; Wade, 3b.

Fulton Hustlers—R. Wilcox, 2b.; Strout, rf.; J. Curry, p.; C. Hampton, 1b.; Lowe, ss.; J. Wilcox, 3b.; Hamilton, cf.; S. Curry, cf.

Score by Innings: R. H. E. Irish Lads.....3 2 1 0 0 4 6 12 11 Fulton Hustlers.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Summary: Two-base hits—Lowe (2), C. Hampton. Three-base hits—A. Carado, Wade. Stolen bases—R. Wilcox, Hamilton. Double plays—Lowe, Zimmerman to L. Wilcox. Sacrifice hits—C. Carado, Hogan, R. Wilcox, A. Hampton, S. Curry. Errors—Hogan, 2; off Curry, 3. Hit by pitched balls—R. Wilcox, Johnson, Strout, off by Curry, 3; by Hogan, 5; by Wilcox, 1. Total bases, 24. Umpire, Mr. Wm. Mitchell and Mr. Oscar Foster.

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## BOWL HIGH SCORES.

Mr. M. B. Thorpe captured the prize for the highest weekly score at the Lake Bowling Alleys. The score: M. B. Thorpe, 110; Glenn, 105; Briggs, 100; Preston, 93; Tate, 90; Johnson, 90; J. E. Cosby, 89; Belvin, 88; Bousleux, 78; Page, 80; Renson, 87; Wood, 90; Martin, 89; Wilson, 92.

The Northside team beat the Southside team by twenty-three pins in a bowling contest Thursday night, the former getting 1,162 points and the latter 1,139. The score:

Southside: C. Glenn (capt.), 82; 85; 79; M. B. Thorpe, 102; 87; 87; A. Briggs, 108; 123; C. Tate, 102; 111; 89; 87

Northside: J. A. Renson, 90; 77; 102 (capt); W. P. Blair, 109; 88; 102; C. H. Cosby, 99; 99; 126; J. E. Cosby, 93; 91; 86

Totals: Southside, 382; 384; 372; 1,139; Northside, 391; 355; 416; 1,162

C. H. Cosby has the high score, 126, and J. A. Briggs highest average of 350 pins in three games. Cosby is a close second, with 224 pins in three games. Duckpins were used in the contest.

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## LADY GOLFERS WILL CONTEND

The ladies' golf tournament on the Henric Links will begin tomorrow, when the first round will be played. Play may begin at any time after 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Each pair will play only nine holes, and will be accompanied by an official scorer. The handicaps will be placed upon the score cards and handed to the scorer at the first tee. First and second prizes will be awarded by the greens committee to the winner and runner up. The tournament will be continued on dates as announced on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. The pairs in the first round as decided by lots are as follows:

Miss Street vs. Miss Boyd; Miss K. Meredith vs. Miss Powers; Mrs. Rutherford vs. Mrs. Coffman; Mrs. Guy vs. Miss Weisger; Miss Purcell vs. Miss Weston; Mrs. Hawes vs. Miss S. Meredith; Miss Hawes vs. Miss Crump; Miss Lane vs. Miss Ashburner; Mrs. Kirk vs. Miss Gray.

Ladies are requested to communicate with their opponents and arrange definite hours for beginning the rounds to-morrow.

The Eagles defeated the West End Grays on their home grounds by bunting hits on the first two innings, while Thorpe for the Eagles pitched a steady game, allowing four scattered hits. The playing of W. Simms, Dowden and Davis were the features.

Score by Innings: R. H. E. Eagles.....4 5 0 1 0 6 10 11 12 2 West End Grays.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Batteries—Thorpe and W. Simms; Pratt and Cheatham.

Summary: Earned runs—Eagles, 5. Two-base hits—Dowden, W. Simms (3), Davis, Richardson, Engleking, Tyree, Cheatham, Stolen bases—W. Simms (1), Dowden (8), E. Thorpe, Davis, Richardson (2), L. Thorpe, Struck out—By Thorpe, 10; by Pratt, 5. Base on balls—Off Pratt, 2. Hit by pitcher—Elyson, Dowden and Tyree. Doubt may be Engleking unassisted. Umpire, Mr. Ford.

The Battle Ax Wins. In a seven-inning contest yesterday the Battle Ax team defeated the Christ Church Association. The game was shortened to allow the Sunday School League to play. The score:

Battle Ax—Miller, third base; Hulcher, center field; Traylor, left field; Strain, pitcher; P. Boehling, catcher; J. Boehling, shortstop; Augustine, second base; Whitfield, first base; Lewis, right field.

Christ Church—Hay, catcher; Moore, third base; S. Bailey, center field; Lettlich, first base; C. Bailey, shortstop; Peerman, pitcher; Weston, second base; Bryant, left field; Evans, right field.

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Cannon is Motoring Home. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—With the adjournment of Congress, and after the strenuous work of the winter, Speaker Cannon accepted the invitation of Congressman Landens to accompany him in a forty-horse power automobile from Washington to Indiana.

Others in this party who are seeking rest and recreation are United States Senator Hemingway, Mr. Buzby, secretary of the Speaker, an official cabinet photographer, and Mr. C. F. Redden.

The almost perfect weather for motoring and the thought of a two weeks' outing were too tempting to refuse. The trip will be made in a motor should be taken care of, a second car is following with refreshments.

Other Scores. At West Point, N. Y.: Amherst, 8; West Point, 3. At Williamstown, Mass.: Williams, 7; Amherst, 6. At Andover, Mass.: Phillips Andover, 5; Exeter, 3.